(b) if so, the details of the South Korean firms which have shown their interest for joint ventures; and

(c) what is Government's reaction on such joint ventures?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) and (b) During the recent visit of the Buying Mission led by Dr. Chul-Su-Kim, Assistant Minister for Trade and Industry, Republic of Korea and in the 9th Joint Meeting of the India-Korea Joint Business Council, the Korean expressed their interests in establishing joint ventures in India. Members of the Buying Mission held talks with Indian firms for setting up joint ventures in India for items such as manufacture of light bulks.

(c) Government would welcome the setting of such joint ventures, especially export oriented joint ventures.

Joint Ventures with Japanese Companies

3498. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of Japanese firms have shown their keen interest in entering into joint ventures and production cooperation with the Indian companies;

(b) if so, the details of the Japanese firms keen in joint ventures; and

(c) whether Government have since approved the joint venture proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DASS MUNSHI): (a) to (c) No such proposals from the Indian parties for entering into joint ventures and production cooperation with Japanese firms in Japan have been received in this Ministry.

Pension to I.N.A. Personnel

3499. SHRI NARESH C. PUGLIA:
SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have maintained any record of Indian National Army personnel;

(b) what is the number of INA personnel who had applied for pension and how many of them have been sanctioned pension;

(c) what is the number of pension cases pertaining to INA personnel which are pending disposal along with the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when all the I.N.A. personnel who have applied for pension are likely to get pension?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) 34,665 Ex-INA Personnel applied for Freedom Fighters Pension out of which 19,041 cases have been sanctioned as on 30.6-88.

(c) and (d) In July-August, 1988 a special drive was launched and all the cases were disposed off. However a Committee of eminent Ex-INA personnel has been constituted to re-consider some of the cases.

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3500. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite guidelines issued by the Reserve